



## Resources for Researching Sacramento Buildings

California History Room  
California State Library

### California Information File

Created at the California State Library, the California Information File is an index to many sources of California history, including newspaper articles, magazine articles, manuscript collections, and books, covering dates from the 1850's through present. The original card file was closed in 1985, and the index has been continued on a computer database.

Subject headings for the card file:

- Sacramento: Buildings
- Sacramento: Hospitals
- Sacramento: Hotels
- Sacramento: Landmarks & Memorials
- Sacramento: Restaurants
- Sacramento: Saloons
- Sacramento: Schools
- Theaters: Sacramento
- For churches, see Religion: Churches: Sacramento

Keyword search for database:

Sacramento & buildings (or a more specific word, e.g., churches)

### City Directories

Directories are arranged by occupant or business name, but there is often also a section arranged by address. They can provide the names of the occupants and their occupations.

Sacramento city directories for 1851 to 1860 are on microfiche. Check them out at the information desk. Later years are available on microfilm (shelved on the north wall of Room 208) and/or in a paper format (shelved in Room 200).

### Sanborn Fire Insurance maps

These maps show lots, building outlines, construction materials, and business names.

Sacramento Sanborn maps are available on microfilm from 1915 to 1970. They are shelved on the south wall of Room 208.

### Newspapers

We have the Sacramento Union on microfilm from 1851 to 1994 and the Sacramento Bee from 1857 to present, as well as other Sacramento County newspapers.

Sacramento Bee index on microfilm 1900-1937

Sacramento Bee full text from Newsbank, 1985-present

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## Photo Collection

Subject headings for the card index:

Sacramento: Banks	Sacramento: Hospitals
Sacramento: Buildings (by name of business)	Sacramento: Hotels
Sacramento: Buildings: Residences (by name of resident)	Sacramento: Railroads
Sacramento: Buildings: Residences, unidentified (by street name)	Sacramento: Restaurants
Sacramento: Churches	Sacramento: Saloons
	Sacramento: Schools
	Sacramento: Streets
	Sacramento: Theaters

## Books

*Walking tours of Sacramento's historic architecture: Capitol area, downtown district, Memorial Auditorium, Alkali Flat, historic neighborhoods.* Sacramento, CA: Sacramento Convention & Visitors Bureau, [1997?].

Calif. History Room (RR) F869.S12 W24 1997

Calif. History Room (CS) F869.S12 W24 1997

*Vanishing Victorians: a guide to the historic homes of Sacramento.* American Association of University Women. Sacramento Branch. 4th printing, rev. Sacramento: The Branch, c1981.

Calif. History Room (RR) NA7238.S12 A5 1981

Calif. History Room (CS) NA7238.S12 A5 1981

*Thomas Bros. block book of Sacramento : original city & business district.*

Calif. History Room (CS) [f] G1529.S12 G46 T56 1938 – Volume 1

*Sidewalk history : pioneer sites of old Sacramento.* Sacramento, Calif. : City of Sacramento, 1958.

Calif. History Room (RR) 979.454 S125

Calif. History Room (CS) 979.454 S125

*Historic landmarks of the city & county of Sacramento.* Friends of the Sacramento City and County Museum. Sacramento, Calif. : the Friends and Pipper Parrish Printery, c1975.

Calif. History Room (RR) F869.S12 F73

Calif. History Room (CS) F869.S12 F73

*Guide to old Sacramento.* Miller, Robert. Sacramento, Calif. : River City Press, c1976.

Calif. History Room (RR) F869.S12 M538 1976

Calif. History Room (CS) F869.S12 M538 1976

*Old Sacramento; a report on its significance to the city, State, and Nation, with recommendations for the preservation and use of its principal historical structures and sites.* California. Division of Beaches and Parks. Sacramento, 1958-60.

Calif. History Room (CS) [q] 979.454 C153 – Volume 2

Also, check the main catalog for books about specific architects, buildings, or families.